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MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH Laclede  
County Laclede  
Township Laclede or Laclede  
Village Laclede or Laclede  
City Laclede NO. 449 St. 4267 Ward 172  
Registration District No. 449 File No. 33286  
Primary Registration District No. 4267 Registered No. 172  
FULL NAME Theodore H. L. Ahrens  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE married  
MARRIED married  
WIDOWED married  
OR DIVORCED married  
(Write the word)  
DATE OF BIRTH Nov 14, 1958  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 19 58 yrs. 10 mos. 10 ds.  
IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_ min.?

OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Merchant  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Ward's Store

BIRTHPLACE  
(City or town, State or foreign country) Lefington Mo.

PARENTS  
NAME OF FATHER Henry J. E. Ahrens  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Germany  
(City or town, State or foreign country)  
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elij. Klingenberg  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Germany  
(City or town, State or foreign country)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Mrs. Christine K. Ahrens  
(ADDRESS) Mrs. Christine K. Ahrens

Filed Oct-7, 1912 J M Bailey  
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Oct 4, 1912  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Oct-4, 1912, to Oct-4, 1912,  
that I last saw him alive on Oct 4, 1912,  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1 P m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Suicide by fire arms

167 (Duration) yrs. 10 mos. 10 ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) J M Bailey M. D.  
Oct 7, 1912 (Address) Laclede

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)

At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Former or usual residence

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL

UNDERTAKER Ross Hickman ADDRESS Laclede

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**Statement of cause of death.**—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: *Cerebrospinal fever* (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "Croup"); *Typhoid fever* (never report "Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs*, *meninges*, *peritoneum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, etc. of ..... (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); *Measles*

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City Lebanon (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

FULL NAME Theodore H. L. Ahrens

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX <u>male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	SINGLE MARRIED <u>married</u> WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov. 14, 1858</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
AGE <u>53</u> yrs. <u>10</u> mos. <u>10</u> ds.		IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Merchant</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Variety Store</u>		
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Lexington, Mo.</u>		
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER <u>Henry J. E. Ahrens</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Germany</u>	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Cliffelinger Beng</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Germany</u>	

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(Signed) J. M. Billings M. D. Oct. 7, 1912 (Address) Lebanon, Mo.

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Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_

Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Colorado</u>	DATE OF BURIAL <u>Not known</u> 191 <u>2</u>
UNDERTAKER <u>Ross Lusk</u>	ADDRESS <u>Lebanon</u>

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(Informant) Mrs. Christie K. Ahrens

(ADDRESS) Lebanon, Mo.

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